

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/454,027

Examiner

Andrew Graham

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief, filed 9/10/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-46.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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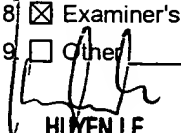
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 04/24/03.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 9/10/04, with respect to the rejection of at least independent Claims 1, 8, 19, 25, 32, 43, have been fully considered and are persuasive, as is noted in further detail below. The rejection of these independent claims, as well as the further rejections of the dependent claims, has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-46 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The arguments presented by the applicant, at least in regards to the combination of the references of Reudink and Edler, are persuasive. Reudink discloses the transmission of two parts of an original signal, wherein the reception of one part enables a value for the other, non-received part to be predicted, but the encoding scheme and type of signal being transmitted in the teachings of Reudink does not provide a basis for substitution of the encoding scheme of Edler that would have been obvious and desirable to one of ordinary skill in the art, particularly in regards to the a first component and prediction coefficient encoding, as is recited in the claims, in comparison with the number pair encoding of Reudink. As such, at least the two representations involving the first, second, third, and fourth information, as particularly recited by the applicant in each

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of the independent claims, has not been found by the examiner to be recited in a single reference of the prior art of record, nor made obvious by any combination of said prior art, when considered in combination with each and every other limitations recited in each of the independent claims. As each dependent claim relies on at least one of these independent claims, each dependent claim is considered allowable for at least the same reason as corresponding independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Sinha (USPN 6539357), which includes a common inventor with the present application, also discloses the production of a signal representation that includes first and second information upon which the prediction of a component may be based.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Graham whose telephone number is 703-308-6729. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM (EST).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huyen Le can be reached on (703)305-4844. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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